



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“And after this, Abraham buried Sarah
his wife... in the land of Canaan.”*

– Genesis 23:19

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 136:1-3

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!

All: For His mercy endures forever.

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!

All: For His mercy endures forever.

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!

All: For His mercy endures forever:

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, amen.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

*Psalm of Praise**

TUNE: EIN' FESTE BURG 88.88.66.668

“Psalm 46”

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

God is our refuge and our strength, A present help in our distress.
We will not therefore be afraid Tho' all the earth should be removed,
Tho' mountains great be hurled Into the ocean's depths,
Tho' seas may roar and foam And billows shake the shore, Tho' mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams To cheer the city of our God,
The Most High's holy dwelling place. God is in her; she won't be moved;
At dawn will God help her. The heathen rage; realms quake;
He lifts His voice; earth melts. The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

O come, see what the LORD has done: He desolations brought on earth;
On earth He puts an end to wars, Breaks bow and spear, and char-iots burns.
Be still! Know I am God. Exalted o'er all men,
Exalted o'er all earth. The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions

All: *Holy Lord, I have sinned time and time again. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief. I have failed to obey your Word and neglected you in my daily life. My transgressions and sin accuse me. But I thank you that they have been placed on Jesus Christ and put away. Accept me in his name and grant me grace to live a new life. Purge me from every false desire, every unworthy aspiration, everything that is contrary to your rule. Deliver me from my sins. Let me draw near to you through Jesus Christ and bless me through his Name. Hear now our silent confession in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1st John 2:1-2

Leader: Hear the good news! "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 39:1-6

TUNE: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10

"Abide with Me"

"I will take heed and guard my ways," I said, "So that my tongue no sinful word shall stain;
As with a bridle I will keep my mouth, While in my presence wicked men remain."

In silence dumb I ceased from speaking good; My heart within was hot, my sorrow stirred;
And while I mused the fire began to burn; Then spake I with my tongue this earnest word:

“My end, O LORD , and measure of my days Make me to know, and thus my frailty see.
Lo, Thou hast made my days an handbreadth long; My lifetime is a nothing unto Thee.

“Each man at best is altogether vain. Each man doth surely walk in empty show;
They heap up wealth and vex themselves for naught, Nor know to whom their garnered riches go.

PASTORAL PRAYER

All: *“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”*

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 135:1-12

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise *Him*, O you servants of the LORD!

All: *You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God,*

Leader: Praise the LORD, for the LORD *is* good; Sing praises to His name, for *it is* pleasant.

All: *For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure.*

Leader: For I know that the LORD *is* great, and our Lord *is* above all gods.

All: *Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.*

Leader: He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasuries.

All: *He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and beast.*

Leader: He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

All: *He defeated many nations And slew mighty kings --*

Leader: Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of Canaan --

All: *And gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:24-46

Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.'" ²⁶But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. ²⁸But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." ³¹And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." ³³But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." ³⁴Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." ³⁵And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." ³⁶Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. ³⁷For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." ³⁸So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough." ³⁹Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." ⁴³Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 7:1-15

Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?" ²And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, ³and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.' ⁴Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell. ⁵And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him. ⁶But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years. ⁷And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.' ⁸Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac

begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs. ⁹ And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰ and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. ¹¹ Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance. ¹² But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. ¹³ And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh. ¹⁴ Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people. ¹⁵ So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.

"The Church's One Foundation"

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

SERMON

Genesis 23:1-20 "The Death and Burial of Sarah" Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.
- 2 So Sarah died in Kirjath Arba (that *is*, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.
- 3 Then Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,
- 4 "I *am* a foreigner and a visitor among you. Give me property for a burial place among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."
- 5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,
- 6 "Hear us, my lord: You *are* a mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places. None of us will withhold from you his burial place, that you may bury your dead."
- 7 Then Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.
- 8 And he spoke with them, saying, "If it is your wish that I bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and meet with Ephron the son of Zohar for me,
- 9 "that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he has, which *is* at the end of his field. Let him give it to me at the full price, as property for a burial place among you."
- 10 Now Ephron dwelt among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the presence of the sons of Heth, all who entered at the gate of his city, saying,

- 11 “No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field and the cave that *is* in it; I give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people. I give it to you. Bury your dead!”
- 12 Then Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land;
- 13 and he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, “If you *will give it*, please hear me. I will give you money for the field; take it from me and I will bury my dead there.”
- 14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,
- 15 “My lord, listen to me; the land *is worth* four hundred shekels of silver. What *is* that between you and me? So bury your dead.”
- 16 And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed out the silver for Ephron which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, currency of the merchants.
- 17 So the field of Ephron which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field and the cave which *was* in it, and all the trees that *were* in the field, which *were* within all the surrounding borders, were deeded
- 18 to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.
- 19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre (that *is*, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.
- 20 So the field and the cave that *is* in it were deeded to Abraham by the sons of Heth as property for a burial place.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9.ref.

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Horatio G. Spafford. 1873

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
“E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul;

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nachtergaele Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, November 5, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" Chapter 24-25
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1st Grade, 2nd to 4th grade, 5th to 8th grade, and an adult class. The Adults will be studying Assurance of Faith using a Ligonier DVD.
- Please mark your calendars for our annual congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 13, following the morning worship service.

Equip: Cultivating a Culture of Missions in Your Church | Oct 14, 15



OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

Friday, October 14, Saturday, October 15, 2022

Various Churches*

In-person

This seminar is designed for missions committees, pastors, and elders who lead their congregations in missions, and would like to educate in order to bring into new or deeper participation in the missions efforts of your local congregation. This conference will help you discern the next steps in creating a rich culture of missions at your church.

The conference will be led by MTW's Northeast Hub Director Rev. Greg Hills and include breakout sessions for practical application.

*This training will take place at one of the following locations. Please choose one that is most convenient for you:

1.) Chapel PCA (625 Barclay Hill Rd, Beaver, PA 15009): 10/14, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Tom Stein pastortomstein@gmail.com, Wendy Shidemantle wshide@geneva.edu

2.) Hillcrest PCA (5114 Perry Hwy, Volant, PA 16156): 10/15, 8:30–noon

Mark Miller mgmiller@zoominternet.net

3.) West Erie PCA (621 W 2nd St, Erie, PA 16507): 10/15, 2:30–6 p.m.

Jonathan Moser jonvioling3@gmail.com

Let us know you are attending by emailing pastorscott@christpca.com or using the register button to email above.

WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- **We are Historically Reformed.**
 - We believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - We believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - We hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - We believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- **We are Community Oriented.**
 - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- **We are Confessional.**
 - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apos Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
 - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
 - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

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